Prices of Betamethasone formulations

76. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1527 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of pack-wise prices of Betamethasone formulations which were stayed by the Delhi High Court;

(b) whether it is a fact that BICP recommended the Prices of formulations based on Betamethasone and its formulations;

(c) if so, what were the prices recommended by BICP under DPCO, 1979 for each formulation based on Betamethasone and its salts along with date of each recommendation and price of bulk drugs taken in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that all these records have been vanished; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to locate these records?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) to (c) The prices of Betamethasone and its salts were fixed as follows on 12th May, 1981 based on the recommendations of the BICP:—

	Rs. Ps.
(1) Betamethasone Alcohol	113.34 per gm.
(2) Betamethasone 17-Valorate.	105.85 per gm.
(3) Betamethasone Di-Sodium Phosphate	226.23 per gm.

Details of the prices of formulations recommended by the BICP in 1981 based on the above price of the bulk drug are given in the attached Annexture [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 6]. The prices of formulations could not be announced on account of stay granted by the Delhi High Court.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

77. [Transferred to the 6th May, 1990].

उत्तर प्रदेश में मस्तिष्क ज्वर के कारण मृत्यु

78. **चौ० हरि सिंह :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1989 से और 1990 में 30 मार्च की अवधि के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के देवरिया और बस्ती जिलों में मस्तिष्क ज्वर के कारण मृत्यु हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस भयंकर बीमारी को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या उपाय किए गए हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रशीद मसूद) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

12.00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Fifty-third Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Fifty-third Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 752/90]

I. Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the M/s. Bharat Pantra Nigam Limited Allahabad and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Cycle Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Third Annual Report and Accounts of the M|s. Bharat Yantra Nigam Limited, Allahabad, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.
placed in Library. For (a) and (b) *see* No. LT—710/90.

(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Cycle Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

II. Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT/787/91 for I and II]

Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., Shillong and related papers

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 196:—

(i) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., Shillong, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comtroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at I(i) above [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—789/90 for I and II]

Report and Accounts (July, 1987 to March 1989) of the Petrofils Co-operative Limited, Baroda and related papers

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Fourteenth Annual Report and Acounts of the Petrofils Cooperative Limited, Baroda, for the period from July 1987 to 31st March, 1989, together with the Auditors' Report thereon.

(i) Review by Government on the working of the Cooperative.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT/673/90 for (i) and(ii)]

RE: QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): I have raised a question of privilege. I have written a letter to the Chairman in this regard. I would like to know the ruling on it. The Prime Minister had stated that the entry into the Rajya Sabha is through the backdoor. It is an insult to the Members of the Rajya Sabha, including to the legal luminaries like Ashoke Sen. (*Interruptions*) The Prime Minister himself, when he was Finance Minister, came to the Rajya Sabha. I think this is an insult to the House. I have moved a privilege motion and I would like to know.... (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, we also support him. It is a shame that the Prime Minister has gone on record saying that the entry into the Rajya Sabha is through the backdoor. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't argue. The privilege motion has been received by the Chairman. Whatever decision he gives we will inform you (*Interruptions*)